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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

**Application No.:** 09/917,947      **Examiner:** Lawrence J. Shrader

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**First Inventor:** Guido Kersten      **Customer No.:** 23364

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**For:** BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINE AND METHOD  
FOR OPERATING BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINE

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF MARCH 23, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005 in the above application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims**

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application.